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Pro-Whites Seek Support in North

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Mar. 27. (AP) — The pro-white Montgomery County Citizens Council has undertaken an extensive postcard and letter-writing campaign aimed at recruiting support in the Northern and Eastern states for segregation.

Luther Ingalls, the council's legal adviser, said each of the "at least 13,000" members has been asked to send five or more pieces of mail to friends, relatives and others, telling people about segregation and why we think it's necessary to maintain it in the South.

Council officers, in mimeographed letters to each member, have suggested also that they write President Eisenhower, Chief Justice Earl Warren, members of Congress and "Northern newspaper editors." Each member likewise is requested to get friends to join the campaign, adding to the volume of mail.

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Integration Foes Are Cool To Folsom's Biracial Plan

Citizens Council Lauds Grand Jury Action In Bus Dispute

MONTGOMERY (AP). — A pro-white organization claiming a membership of 12,000, said Tuesday night Gov. James E. Folsom has "not proven competent" during these grave and grievous times to appoint a biracial commission to seek solutions to racial disputes.

At the same time the Central Alabama Citizens Council went on record as favoring every effort to reach a "peaceful and legal" settlement to racial problems within the framework of the Constitution of the state of Alabama.

The anti-segregation group also commended the Montgomery County grand jury for indicting 100 colored persons last week for boycotting city buses.

State Sen. Sam Engelhardt of Macon County, chairman of the CACC, said the resolution approved Tuesday night did not mean the organization is against the biracial commission recommended by Gov. Folsom.

He said the council would support an "independent" biracial commission but did not believe such a body should be created by the state Legislature. A commission carrying authority given by the Legislature could conceivably erase Alabama's existing segregation laws, Engelhardt said.

Last week the governor called on Alabama newspaper editors and publishers to nominate 25 white and colored leaders to serve on the commission. And Tuesday he directed the state Legislature to return in special session Thursday to consider among other problems the creation of such a commission.

The meeting Tuesday night at the City Hall was "for members only," but police estimated the crowd at 3,000.

Folsom decided on the special session earlier this month primarily to prevent a threatened shortage of operating funds in the schools. He announced Tuesday that he would include a proposed biracial commission in his call.

Tension Discussed

Folsom first announced the proposed biracial commission last Friday at a conference of newspaper editors and publishers called to discuss growing tension in Alabama as evidenced by the bus boycott here and the recent rioting at the University of Alabama over the enrollment of the first colored student, Autherine Lucy.

The newspapermen endorsed the commission plan and suggested a 25-member group composed of white and colored leaders. Its purpose would be to seek

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settlement of racial differences as they arise.

Colored residents massed in the Holt Street Baptist Church Monday night heard their leaders, ministers indicted for violating Alabama's anti-boycott law, declare that their race is "no longer afraid" of imprisonment and will continue the bus protest.

The boycott began last Dec. 5 after a colored woman was arrested for refusing to move to the colored section of a Montgomery City Lines bus. City and state laws require segregation in all public transportation.

One hundred colored persons in all, including 24 ministers, were indicted by a grand jury which called the boycott illegal.

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White Citizens' rally
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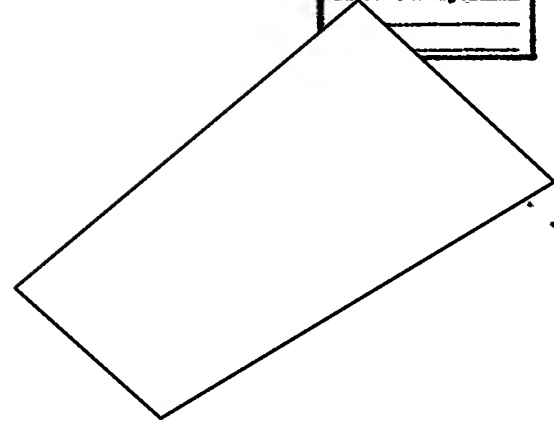
BY TRUDY CARGILE, News staff writer
 MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 11—The majority might have been there out of sheer curiosity, but the estimated 15,000 men and women attending the first statewide White Citizens' rally in Montgomery last night applauded in accord.

In the main, it was an adult group with approximately two men to every woman present. They filed through the four entrances to the gigantic coliseum, some arriving an hour before time for the program to begin. They remained well-ordered and comparatively quiet while the program's beginning was delayed by a half hour and throughout the evening.

FOUR-LANE traffic feeding into the parking area from Federal dr. was bumper to bumper, backed into Montgomery's business section several miles away.

Admission was free. Registration tables with signs urging the crowd to "join now" were set up in the circular lobby. Free literature and pamphlets were handed out by a corps of young men and women.

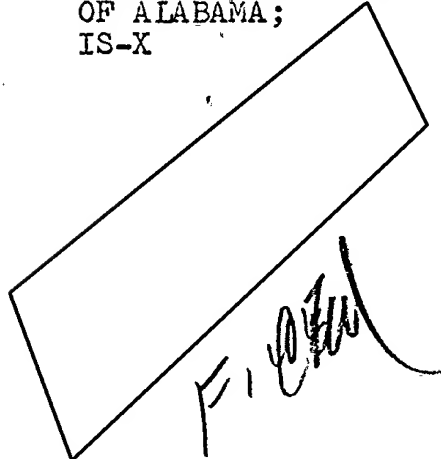
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high in the Councils of NAACP at a secret meeting in Mississippi in December.

Another was a letter to the editor of a Montgomery paper signed by Eugene S. Hall and advocating the governor and legislative bodies of Alabama to take steps to keep segregation.

THERE WAS ALSO a copy of "Arkansas Faith," a rousing publication running the gamut of emotions. Its front bore a picture of Christ preaching to the multitudes. The cartoon on its back cover might have been a reprint from a restroom wall. It was filled with editorials and comments from many well-known citizens of the nation including a lengthy contribution from Sen. James O. Eastland, the Mississippian who came to Montgomery as featured speaker at the rally.

The crowd stood in a patriotic gesture when a band from the Montgomery Alcazar Temple played Dixie. They whistled, cheered, applauded, yelled and at one time stomped their feet in approval as one speaker after another came forth to address them.

THERE ARE three stands that can be taken in the segregation issue, the white side, the colored side and the mugwump. Do any of you know what a mugwump is? said Sen. Sam Englehard of Macon County.

We meet to rededicate our principals and way of life in the Deep South, a life we hold most dear. At the same time we want peace and harmony to work together with equal facilities for all races. But we also want segregation and we will exhaust every means at our command to keep it that way, said Mayor W. A. Gayle, Montgomery.

I WILL NOT compromise my way of living or philosophy for the vote of any group. If any Negro wants desegregation let him go where they have no segregation, said Commissioner Clyde Sellers.

I pledge my support 100 percent to Mayor Gayle's and Commissioner Sellers' stand. We are all doing everything we can, Commissioner Frank Parks said.

THE SOUTH is facing the greatest crisis it has had to face since the years of reconstruction. The Supreme Court has decided to change the lives of 50 million people. Everywhere people are inspired by the people of Alabama and the stand they have taken. Alabama richly deserves the name "Heart of Dixie," Robert Lee Patterson of Mississippi said.

The Supreme Court's Mullatto decision had in mind satisfying Russia and political expediences. We are not interested in satisfying Russia's complaint that American has segregation, said Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook of Georgia.

THANK GOD the state of Alabama has started the offense from this day the direction is forward, Sen. James O. Eastland said.

There was no reference to recent incidents of race disturbances in Alabama. The audience kept applause within bounds with the exception of an occasional "amen" floating from one section and here and there a good natured wise crack.

MOST OF THE speakers were greeted with a standing ovation as they took their places on the Confederate Flag dominated speaker's stand.

While some remained to pay membership dues in the organization, the crowd dispersed as quietly as they had come. The event had been heralded as the biggest of its kind yet. And it was.

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Special to the New York Post

Montgomery, Feb. 10.—The White Citizens Council, inflamed over the Negro bus boycott, and Autherine Lucy's legal battle with University of Alabama, meets here tonight to hear Sen. Eastland (D-Miss.).

Miss Lucy has named a Council leader, R. F. Chambliss, of Birmingham, in her suit to force the university to readmit her.

She named him as one of the outsiders she charged the university "intentionally permitted" to create "an air of riot" on the campus in order to bar her as the first Negro student there.

She said the university trustees resorted to "a subterfuge and a cunning stratagem" in saying they were excluding her as a safety measure.

Adequate police protection is available, she insisted.

The action filed in Federal Court yesterday by Miss Lucy, first Negro student to be enrolled at the university, asks jail sen-

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tences for the 10 trustees, President Oliver C. Carmichael, and Dean of Admissions, William Adams unless they readmit her.

Another petition filed by her demands equal dormitory and dining hall privileges.

Federal Judge Grooms set a hearing on both petitions for Feb. 29.

Miss Lucy also seeks damages totaling \$3,000.

Her lawyer, Arthur Shores, said that if the university readmits her, the demand for jail sentences will be dropped. But she still will demand the damages.

Her petition charges that the university defied an earlier court order to admit her "to appease persons having no connection with the university."

Her suit also named as defendants four outsiders, including three men arrested on disorderly conduct charges in connection with a series of demonstrations on the campus at Tuscaloosa.

Mrs. Constance Baker Motley of the NAACP legal staff in New York, who came here to aid Shores, said Miss Lucy will make no attempt to return to the campus until after the Feb. 29 hearing.

In Miami Beach, AFL-CIO President Meany wired President Eisenhower protesting the Lucy case and other incidents in Alabama.

The Justice Dept., meanwhile, again refused to act in the Emmett Till murder case in Mississippi.

Replying to a query from former Rep. Yorty (D-Calif.), Asst. Atty. Gen. Olney wrote that the department could find "no basis for federal intervention."

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BY FRED TAYLOR, News staff writer
MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 11—Alabama and other
southern states Saturday had blueprints with which to set
up a regional commission calling for use of public funds
to maintain their sovereignty and preserve segregation
of the races.

Mississippi's U. S. Sen. James
O. Eastland laid these plans be-
fore a wildly cheering crowd Fri-
day night at the State Coliseum.
It thundered approval of his
organizational battle cry to win
his fight, but win it within the
law.

Unless we present an or-
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ADDRESSING the huge rally, Sen. Eastland, himself an alumnus of the University of Alabama, declared, "You are not going to permit the NAACP to take over your schools."

He made this obvious reference to rioting earlier in the week on the University campus, where Eastland attended school back in the 1920s.

"I know you're not going to let the NAACP take over your state and permit that organization to use your children as pawns in a game of racial politics," declared the Mississippi senator.

And the crowd thundered back, "No, no!" The crowd, which jammed the sides of the coliseum and spread over part of the floor of the huge hall, was estimated at from 12,000 to 15,000. Montgomery Police Commissioner Clyde Sellers said he thought there were 15,000 on hand.

"IT IS URGENTLY imperative that the Southern states set up a regional commission to answer attacks upon us," said Eastland.

"Public funds should be used, in fact, the use of public funds is the only way we can get the resources to answer the vast attack and to cope with the tremendous sums that are being used to misrepresent us and to mislead the public minds against us."

LAUDING THE SOUTHERN way of life, Sen. Eastland said, "We have nothing to be ashamed of. We mistreat no one. We are proud of our system. Why should we not advertise and explain it?"

The Southern states have not only the legal right but the legal duty to set up this commission to finance its activities with public funds.

There was a tension in the air here Friday night before and after the giant rally at the coliseum, but there was no incident of any kind reported during the night.

The big crowd was noisy, but well-behaved. Macon County State Sen. Sam Engelhardt, president of the sponsoring Central Alabama Citizens Council, apparently feared possible demonstrations. And his stirring remarks as the crowds started filling out of the coliseum seemed to go home peacefully and early.

Not only was there tenseness over the recent rioting at the university, which had forced the board of trustees to bar recently admitted student Autherine Lucy from attending classes, but it was heightened by the prolonged Negro boycott of Montgomery's city buslines.

EASTLAND REPEATEDLY assailed the U. S. Supreme Court and declared that when the Supreme Court destroys local self-government in the South it also destroys it in the North.

In urging that the resistance movement to the high court's desegregation order be carried on always within the law, Eastland said, "One of the fundamental principles of the White Citizens Council is to see that no man is mistreated."

Eastland said he was not a member of the Citizens Council in Mississippi, explaining that it is a non-political organization.

"But it's a very fine organization and I agree with it and believe in it," he said in urging Alabamians to organize more such councils.

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Avoid any violence but win—Eastland

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"You must organize Southwide just as you have this grass roots organization here tonight," added Eastland.

"Today, Alabama leads the South and is an inspiration to the South."

Praising the Alabama Legislature for having been the first to adopt an interposition resolution and for measures it has passed to help maintain segregation in the schools, Eastland declared:

"Your Legislature met this problem head-on and thank God it did meet it head-on."

THERE WERE a few boos when Sen. Eastland mentioned the name of Alabama Sen. Lister Hill. But Eastland brought loud applause when he quickly declared that "I have never cast a vote in defense of the South but that your two senators, Lister Hill and John Sparkman, took the same position that I did."

Eastland brought boos when he referred to President Eisenhower, who he said had promised that the Washington schools would be a laboratory to demonstrate to the world how easily and effectively integration and democracy would work.

The boast was that Washington schools would be an example of how good integration would be," added Eastland, "but they have proved no such thing. Now they do everything possible to hide their example and secrete the hideous facts."

EASTLAND ADDED that politicians who preach integration and amalgamation of the

racist believe in it for the other fellow. They send their children to private schools."

Police Commissioner Sellers had drawn thunderous shouts of approval shortly before when he told the crowd that "If any Negro in the South wants desegregated schools, let him go where there is desegregation."

Georgia Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook cited efforts made in his state to help maintain segregation and declared, "We will not permit racial suicide in the state of Georgia."

Robert B. Patterson of Indianola, Miss., executive secretary of the Mississippi Citizens Council, told the gathering that Alabama has inspired the entire South in taking the lead to maintain segregation.

ALSO ON HAND was W. J. Mimmons of Jackson, Miss., administrator of the Mississippi Citizens Council.

Montgomery Mayor W. J. Gayle was given a standing ovation as he welcomed the throng to Montgomery.

"We are proud of our way of life and we're going to keep it that way," declared Mayor Gayle.

Luther Ingalls, Montgomery attorney and former legislator, general chairman of the meeting, spoke briefly as did Sen. Engelhardt, the council president.

Sen. Engelhardt declared "It's time for the white men of this nation to stand up and be counted."

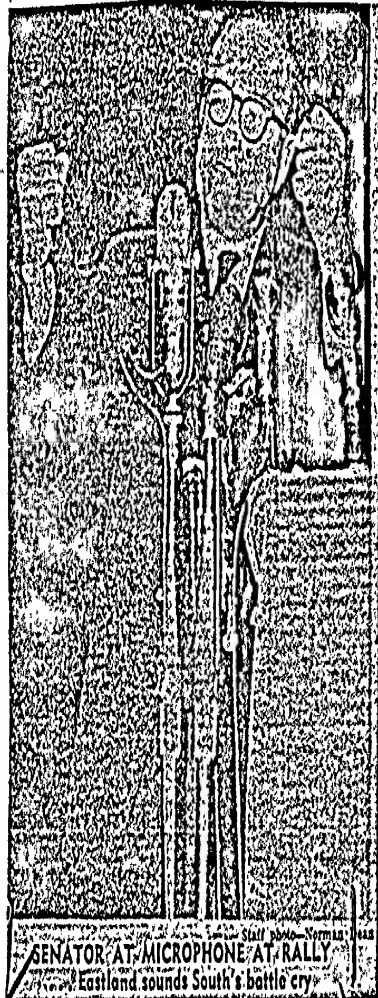
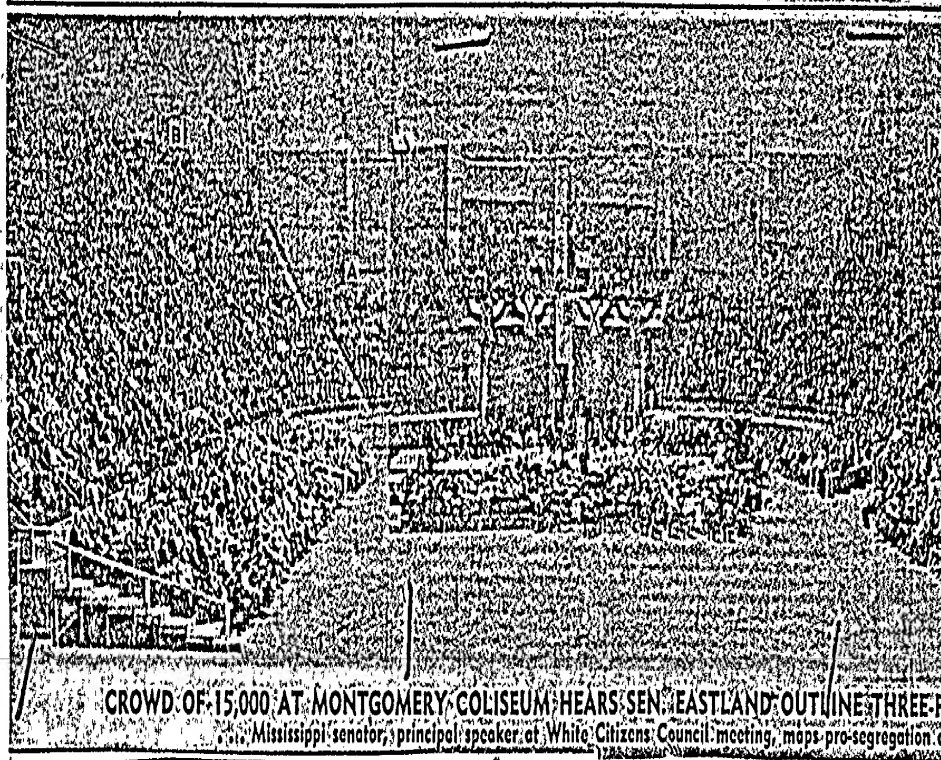
The rally was opened with prayer by Dr. George W. Cheek, pastor of the Selma First Baptist Church, who asked for "a peaceful solution" of the problems facing Alabama and the South.

Dallas Sen. Walter Givhan, one of the leaders in organization of Citizens Council and the fight for segregation, was among those on the speaker's platform.

The huge coliseum was decorated with American and Confederate flags.

GOV. JAMES E. FOLSOM, who was in Birmingham attending a statewide mental health meeting, got some ribbing from members of the audience, some of whom kept asking, "Where's Big Jim?"

And one loud voice in the audience kept shouting "Big Jim's gotta go."



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15,000 Alabamans Cheer as Eastland
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Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 11—Sen. Eastland (D-Miss.) has urged the South to "be militant" in a three-pronged program to beat down the foes of segregation.

Eastland spoke for an hour in leathery tones to a whooped-up throng of 15,000 attending a White Citizens Council rally in the huge state-owned Alabama Coliseum last night.

The crowd was rip-roaring ready when Eastland came on, introduced as the "Voice of the South." It had been fanned to near hysteria by brass bands blaring "Dixie." It shouted rebel yells and catcalls that "Lucy gotta go." And it was addressed by a police commissioner who solemnly saluted the Confederate flag when he strode onto the stage.

Eastland called for a three-part program:

"We must organize every county, city and every community into a grass-roots organization such as you represent here tonight . . . to answer the vast attack and cope with the tremendous sums that are being used to misrepresent us," he said.

"He called for a program of endless stalling against Supreme Court decisions. By changing state laws and creating new state policies which must be litigated, and which must go to the Supreme Court of the United States, the states can litigate this matter for an indefinite period in hostile federal courts," he said.

"He called for a regional commission, financed by public funds, to 'make a study of race' and 'publicize conditions which prevail in the interracial schools of Washington and New York.' This commission should, he said, 'acquire and publicize the facts about the characteristics, the morals and the native intelligence of the race.'"

It was when Eastland referred to the fight to exclude Negro co-ed Autherine Lucy from the University of Alabama that he drew his biggest cheers from this, the largest rally ever conducted by the Citizens Councils.

He praised Alabama for its defiance of "judicial tyranny" by a nine-man oligarchy that has departed from every precept of law and reason.

"I am sure you are not going to permit the NAACP to take over your schools, and I am sure you are not going to let the NAACP use your little children as pawns in a game of racial politics being played by the northern politicians," Eastland shouted.

But he insisted the "fight we wage must be a just and legal fight; acts of violence and lawlessness have no place in our organization."

"There is only one course open for The South to take, and that is one of stern resistance; there is no other alternative," Eastland continued. "We must fight them with every legal weapon at every step of the way."

Southern people are right both legally and morally."

"We have now entered an era of judicial tyranny," he cried, "and the Anglo-Saxon people have always held steadfast to the belief that resistance to tyranny is obedience to God."

Earlier the program had opened with a prayer by Presbyterian Minister George W. Cheek, who beseeched God "to end the cold war that exists between federal bureaucracy and local self-government."

State Sen. Sam Engelhardt Jr., one of Alabama's most outspoken supporters of segregation, said:

"This is no time for pussyfooting. It's time to take a stand." At the close of the meeting Engel-

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hardt urged the crowd to "go home peacefully and orderly," apparently fearing a possible demonstration in this tense state capital.

Attorney General Eugene Cook of Georgia, also a speaker, said he was certain "the people of my state will not permit racial suicide, at any price."

"The real goal of the NAACP is to break down all race barriers, and the one most paramount in their mind is that of racial intermarriage," he said.

"And they are determined to reach their objective of total integration by 1963."

Montgomery Mayor Gayle and Commissioners Sellers and Parks also spoke.

Gayle was given a tremendous ovation by the crowd, obviously as a result of his recent call for Montgomery to get touch with Negroes who are Boycotting the

city's buses in protest against their segregation.

Police Commissioner Sellers, an active member of the WCC as are the other members of the commission, saluted one of the many confederate flags displayed throughout the building as he came onto the stage.

"If any Negro wants desegregation, then let him go where there is desegregation," Sellers cried. "I will not sell my Southern birthright for any number of Negro voters."

At the outset of the program, while Sen. Engelhardt was introducing other guests, the crowd began to chant "Where's Big Jim?" It referred to Alabama Gov. James Folsom.

Folsom has been sharply criticized for his stand on the race question for months, and WCC officials announced earlier this week that Folsom had not been

invited to the rally.

Folsom did not meet Eastland here, but recently showed considerable courtesy to Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D-NY) a Negro Congressman.

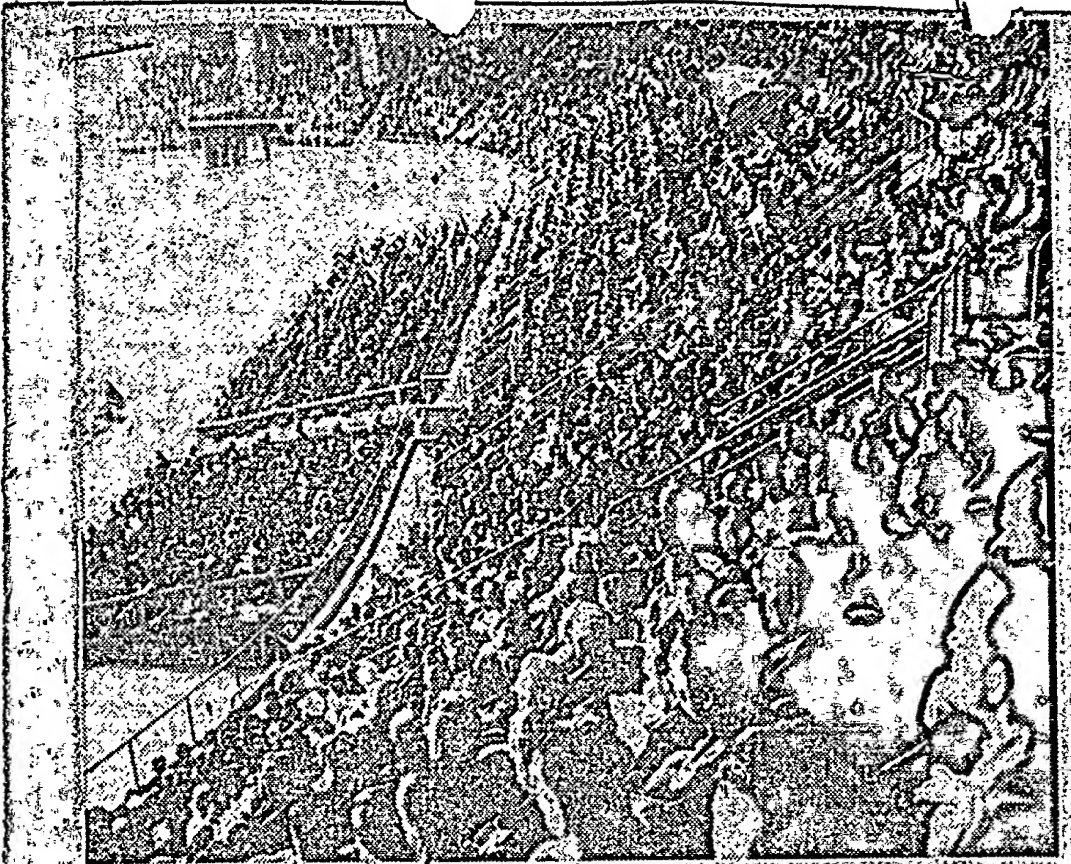
When Powell visited here late

last fall he was given Folsom's Cadillac for his use, and later had a drink with Folsom at the executive mansion.

When asked yesterday how he could justify his actions in welcoming Powell to Alabama, but

ignoring Eastland, Folsom replied:

"Ho (Powell) requested the car, and if Sen. Eastland had requested it, the car would have been waiting for him at the airport."



Associated Press Photos

Pro-Segregationists Rally in Alabama

This is a portion of the estimated crowd of 15,000 which jammed the coliseum at Montgomery, Alabama, to hear a pro-segregation speech by Sen. James Eastland (D-Miss.). In

referring to the riots protesting the admittance of a Negro co-ed to the University of Alabama, Sen. Eastland made a plea to refrain from further violence.

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Sen. Eastland tells the throng to fight racial integration with massive resistance but without lawlessness.

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Alabama Termed Core Of Resistance To Desegregation

Eastland Declares NAACP Won't Be Allowed To Take Over Schools

MONTGOMERY, Feb. 10 (P)—In an obvious reference to rioting at the University of Alabama, Sen. James O. Eastland (D., Miss.) told a wildly cheering throng here tonight that "you and Alabama are not going to permit the NAACP to take over your schools."

Eastland spoke at a pro-White Citizens Council rally which packed the huge state-owned Coliseum on the outskirts of Montgomery. Coliseum Manager Tom Reid estimated the crowd at 11,000. Montgomery Police Commissioner Clyde Sellers said the figure might run as high as 15,000 counting several hundred who couldn't find seats.

Eastland's reference to the schools came after he had remarked that he is an alumnus of Alabama.

"I think I know the people of Alabama well," he declared. "You are not going to permit the NAACP to take over your schools and you're not going to permit them to control your state."

The rioting at the University forced the boards of trustees here Monday to bar Negro student Autherine Lucy from attend-

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Highlights By Eastland

Special to The Post-Herald
MONTGOMERY, Feb. 10 —
Sen. James Eastland's speech
tonight was highlighted by the
following statements:

"You are not going to permit
the NAACP to take control
over your state."

"You wouldn't let your chil-
dren be used as political pawns
to get votes in Northern cities."

"My friends, we've got to or-
ganize... unless we organize
in the South and unless we
present a solid front, we are
going to be crushed."

"We have got to fight with
every legal weapon and every
step of the way."

"There is no law that a free
people must submit to a fla-
grant invasion of their personal
liberties."

"The Southern states must
set up a regional commission
with public funds to present
the Southern position."

"One of the fundamental
principles of the White Citizens
Council is to see that no min-
or is mistreated."

"...ing class, until further notice"
because of the violence her pres-
ence on the campus touched off.

The crowd attending the rally
ere tonight was described by
the council spokesman Robert
atterson of Indianola, Miss., as
the largest segregation gathering
in the recent history of the South.

atterson is the executive direc-
tor of the Association of Citizens
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Senator Eastland, Democrat of Mississippi, challenged the rebel yelling throng to fight racial integration with massive resistance but without lawlessness.

As the rally ended, State Senator Sam Engelhardt admonished the audience to "go home peacefully and orderly."

Senator Eastland made only an indirect reference to recent rioting at the University of Alabama, where he once attended school.

Recalling his student days, the outspoken advocate of white supremacy declared: "I think I know the people of Alabama well, and you're not going to permit the NAACP to take over your schools."

A mob of about 3,000 threw eggs and rocks at a Negro student, Autherine Lucy, when she sought to attend class at the university Monday. She had won admittance under a Federal Court order backed by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Outlines Program

Senator Eastland outlined a three-point program for resistance against efforts to break down segregation throughout the South.

First, he said, white persons in the South must organize a "grass roots" campaign to preserve their traditional separate school systems.

The South also needs a tax-supported, regional commission, he added, to "answer the vast attack and cope with the tremendous sums that are being used to misrepresent us."

He declared further that each Southern State must adopt firm segregation policy that will enable white southerners to stall off integration for a long time.

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Governor Hits Mob Rule

The Mississippi Senator spoke a few hours after Gov. James E. Folsom told a news conference that "98 per cent of our people do not go along with mob rule against constituted authority."

The Governor made his statement in comment on recent rioting at the university.

He was not invited to the meeting, said State Senator Engelhardt, because "he (Folsom) had previously said he had no interest in the white citizens' movement."

Gov. Folsom told a news conference yesterday "I'm for white councils and black councils and red councils and yellow councils and brown councils if there are any."

The Governor then observed that "nothing built on hate can exist for any length of time."

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Folsom denies he does not approve of Councils

BY FRED TAYLOR, News staff writer

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 10—Gov. James E. Folsom today took exception to printed statements by State Sen. Sam Engelhardt that the governor had not been invited to the Central Alabama Citizens Council rally at the Coliseum tonight.

"I didn't know you had to be invited—I thought it was a public meeting," said Gov. Folsom. The rally will be addressed by Mississippi Sen. James Eastland, who arrived during the afternoon plane.

FOLSOM DENIED published reports that he does not approve of the Citizens Councils organized in Alabama and other Southern states, declaring:

"I do not disapprove and have not said at any time that I disapprove of citizens councils. I don't disapprove of White Citizens Councils and I don't disapprove of black citizens councils. I even attended the Dixiecrat convention in Birmingham." (He was referring to the 1948 convention in Birmingham when Strom Thurmond and Fielding Wright were nominated on the State's rights presidential ticket.)

GOV. FOLSOM said he and Engelhardt added:

State Finance Director Fuller Kimbrell were going to Birmingham for state-wide meeting of the Alabama Assn. for Mental Health group and dinner there tonight, saying he had agreed many weeks ago to attend that meeting.

A whopping big crowd was expected in Montgomery for the Citizens Council meeting. Besides Sen. Eastland, Georgia Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook, W. J. Simmons, president, and Robert B. Patterson, executive secretary of the Mississippi Citizens Council, will speak.

Earlier, Sen. Engelhardt, chairman of the Alabama Council, said:

"Folsom isn't expected and, in fact, hasn't even been invited."

"He's already said he didn't approve of the Citizens Council movement, so we didn't see any reason why he should be interested in this meeting," Sen.

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Pair advertising White Citizens meeting stopped

TUSCALOOSA, Ala., Feb. 8—
A man and his sister, who were
advertising a White Citizens
Council meeting, were stopped on
the University of Alabama
campus here yesterday.

A man who drove a car onto
the sidewalk began using a pub-
lic address system to advertise
the meeting to be held in Mont-
gomery Friday night.

When the man declared, "we
expect 2000 students from API
and the University," a student
yelled, "Go to hell, White Cit-
izen."

University policemen took in
two persons who were painting
White Citizens Council signs on
the side of the car. The two
were taken to the Union Build-
ing where they were identified
as Lou Dugger, Montgomery,
and his sister, Dorothy, senior
at Sidney Lanier High School.

The pair returned in a few
minutes accompanied by Police
Chief Allen Rayfield who or-
dered the car removed from the
walk. He told them that in or-
der to use the public address
system they would have to get
permission from the University
comptroller.

Rayfield said the University
has ruled that public address
systems may not be used on the
campus between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The car was seen later in down-
town Tuscaloosa. Those in it
said they had permission to use
the loudspeaker.

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Stern Resistance To Integration Urged

(The Associated Press)

Sen. James Eastland of Mississippi has called on the South to offer "stern resistance" in its fight to maintain racial segregation.

"There is no other alternative," the Deep South democrat declared in a speech last night at Charlotte, N. C. He looked to the doctrine of interposition as the South's chief weapon.

Eastland's plea was directed mainly to the South as he challenged the antisegregation decisions of the U. S. Supreme Court. His battle cry came a few hours

after Gov. Thomas B. Stanley of Virginia asked the governors of the other 47 states to give "careful consideration" to the resolution of interposition adopted by the Virginia General Assembly.

Asks Aid in Fight

Stanley asked the other governors to join in the fight to safeguard the rights of the states and

preserve our cherished constitutional system."

Both expressed their view on the same day that a bulwark of white supremacy toppled in Alabama, whose soldiers are credited with giving the Confederate army its rousing, tingling rebel yell.

Yesterday for the first time in its history the University of Alabama had a Negro student—Autherine Lucy of Birmingham. The school's dining halls and dormitories were closed to her, but its classrooms were hers to use.

Second Case Pending

Her presence at the university was the result of a drawn out legal battle. And a legal battle still is under way on behalf of another Negro, Mrs. Polly Ann Hudson, to whom university officials have refused the right of enrollment.

A Federal Court order directed university officials to enroll both Miss Lucy and Mrs. Hudson, but the latter was turned down on the basis of her "conduct and marital record." Mrs. Hudson, the mother of a 2-year-old child, is seeking a divorce. She called the university action on her a "smear" and has thrown the whole matter before a federal court.

Eastland spoke to 400 members of the Mecklenburg County Branch of the Patriots of North Carolina, a pro-segregation group. He pointed to interposition as the "legal and constitutional doctrine" for the fight against the racial rulings of the high court.

Seeks Public Funds

"There is at stake the preservation of the American system of government with its dual powers, which provide for individual liberty and freedom," Eastland said. "There is further at stake the racial integrity, the culture, the creative genius, and the advanced civilization of the white race."

Then he added: "The entire future of this country is at issue."

He called for a regional commission and the use of public funds in waging the South's battle.

"There is only one course open to us and that is stern resistance," he said. "There is no other alternative. We must fight them with every legal weapon at every step of the way."

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**Segregation group
in Macon ready to
open books to FBI**

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 19
—The membership roll of the Central Alabama Citizens Council is open for inspection to any person, State Sen. Sam Engelhardt said yesterday, "and that includes the FBI."
The Macon County senator, president of the CACC, made the comment after an investigator for the Anti-Integration Organization said in Birmingham Monday that an FBI agent was asking about leadership in the council.
Sen. Engelhardt said the council has not been approached by the FBI, "but if we are approached by them we will welcome an investigation."
"Our sole objective is to preserve segregation in all its phases: schools, parks, swimming pools and conveyances."
"We have a screening committee that is working continually to keep out undesirable members, rabble rousers and others that might hurt the cause for which we are fighting so hard," Sen. Engelhardt added.

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